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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 6, 2003, please amend this action as shown in the attached claim sheets, where the claims have been amended according to current PTO practice:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-2 currently pending herein.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 3, 5-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In particular, the Examiner stated that the term "first portion" is not stated with sufficient specificity. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite "wherein the first portion is defined